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**REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT;**  
**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116; and REPLY TO ADVISORY ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 28, 2005, which rejected Claims 10, 11, 26-34, 43, 44, 63, 64, 67, 68 and 70-73 for a host of non-substantive reasons under the auspices of 35 USC §112 first and second paragraphs, applicants respectfully request reconsideration, based upon the amendments hereinafter set forth.

1) Instead of "Presently Amended", "Currently Amended" has been inserted where applicable; and claims 1-9 are stated as "Canceled".

2) Since claims 10 and 11 are allowed, and remaining claims 26, 44, 63 and 73-75 depend therefrom it is inexplicable that these claims are not also allowable – especially given the absence of prior art. It is requested that the claims be entered for purposes of appeal.